H. R. 653.

FEBRUARY 10, 1847.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Washington Hunt, on leave, introduced the following bill:

A BILL

For the relief of Ireland.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 1 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That 2 the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to ex-3 pend the sum of five hundred thousand dollars in the purchase 4 of articles of subsistence for the people of Ireland, now suffer-5 ing from famine, and in paying the cost of transporting such 6 articles to proper agents in Ireland, for gratuitous distribution; 7 and that said sum be paid out of any money in the treasury not 8 otherwise appropriated. 9